SECRETARY

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Mr. Shawn M. Garvin
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 3
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Dear Shawn:

Thank you for your recent outreach to me and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding EPA's renewed interest in events with respect to Dimock. Per our recent conversation I know you have undertaken a door to door survey in the area. Based on my conversation with you it was clear that EPA is really at the very early stages of its learning curve with respect to Dimock and EPA's understanding of the technical facts and DEP's enforcement history with respect to Dimock is rudimentary. As you are well aware, the DEP has a great deal of working knowledge regarding this matter from our experience there over the last several years. As I mentioned to you on the telephone and Scott Perry has mentioned to your staff, we stand ready to share our vast amount of information about Dimock and to assist you in EPA's getting up to speed on both the technical data and the enforcement history.

As I have mentioned to you, there is truly a high degree of "neighbor versus neighbor" emotion there and science and fact have too often been eclipsed by the strong emotions. This has been well documented by numerous sources. The matter is further complicated by the backdrop of a pending plaintiffs' personal injury litigation not to mention the attention of visitors, out of state politicians and celebrities, many of whom are not even from the area, looking for and receiving publicity.

I hope that the EPA will be willing to work together with the Pennsylvania DEP to move your research there forward in a cooperative, logical and scientific manner. We in Pennsylvania would like to see your efforts at EPA with respect to this be based on cooperative, fully science-based and peer reviewed analysis. Also, it is important that EPA govern its efforts in this regard based on science and fact. I have read Wyoming Governor Mead's letter to Administrator Jackson dated December 20, 2011, regarding the technical, scientific and cooperation shortcomings of EPA's activities with respect to that state regarding Pavilion and there is no need here to catalogue those here in this letter. Suffice it to say that we hope that EPA's efforts here not be marked by the same rush to conclusions and other deficiencies here as it was and continues to be with respect to the Pavilion matter. Like Governor Mead, I ask for your commitment to EPA's cooperation with our state experts in your process. I also ask for a full and candid exchange of information as between EPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And I ask that your efforts be guided by sound science and the law instead of emotion and publicity.

I look forward to hearing from you both directly and at the staff level.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Krancer
Secretary

cc: PA Congressional Delegation